



**[6450-01-P]**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Agency Information Collection Extension**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before ***[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]***. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Eric Mulch at 1000 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20585 or by e-mail at [eric.mulch@hq.doe.gov](mailto:eric.mulch@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric F. Mulch, Attorney-Adviser, at (202) 287-5746, or via email at [eric.mulch@hq.doe.gov](mailto:eric.mulch@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No. 1910-5115; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Contractor Legal Management Requirements; (3) Type of Review: extension; (4) Purpose: the information collection to be extended has been and will be used to form the basis for DOE actions on requests from the contractors for reimbursement of litigation and other legal expenses.

The information collected related to annual legal budget, staffing and resource plans, and initiation or settlement of defensive or offensive litigation is and will be similarly used;

(5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 45; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 154; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 1150; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: 0.

Statutory Authority: Section 161 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. 2201, the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C 7101, et seq., and the National Nuclear Security Administration Act, 50 U.S.C. 2401, et seq.

Issued in Washington, DC on Janaury 20, 2016

**Steven Croley**  
General Counsel  
United States Department of Energy

[FR Doc. 2016-01640 Filed: 1/26/2016 8:45 am; Publication Date: 1/27/2016]